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## **FEDERAL GRAND JURY RETURNS INDICTMENTS**

Madison, Wisconsin -- A federal grand jury in the Western District of Wisconsin, sitting in Madison, returned the following indictments today. You are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

### **BARABOO MAN CHARGED WITH STRUCTURING CURRENCY TRANSACTIONS**

Ismail Beciri, aka Mike Beciri, 53, of Baraboo, Wis., is charged with four counts of structuring U.S. currency transfers. The indictment alleges that he did so by cashing checks with aggregate values higher than \$10,000 at different financial institutions or different branches of the same financial institution, for the purpose of evading currency transaction reporting requirements. Federal law requires that financial institutions file a Currency Transaction Report with the Internal Revenue Service for transactions involving more than \$10,000 in currency. The indictment alleges that these actions took place on June 23, July 16, August 4, and August 11, 2008.

If convicted, Beciri faces a maximum penalty of five years in federal prison on each count charged. The charges against him are the result of an investigation by the Internal Revenue Service and Federal Bureau of Investigation. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Timothy M. O'Shea.

### **MADISON MAN CHARGED WITH DRUG AND GUN OFFENSES**

Jeremy Grayson, 34, of Madison, Wis., is charged with possessing crack cocaine with intent to distribute and with possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. The indictment alleges that he possessed the crack cocaine and the firearm on October 1, 2008.

If convicted, Grayson faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison on the drug charge and a consecutive five-year term on the gun charge. The charges against him are the result of an investigation by the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

#### **MADISON MAN CHARGED WITH DISTRIBUTING CRACK COCAINE**

Donta James Thomas, 28, of Madison, Wis., is charged with six counts of distributing crack cocaine, and one count of possession of five grams or more of crack cocaine with intent to distribute. The indictment alleges that he distributed crack cocaine on November 4, November 26, December 5, December 11, December 22, 2008 and January 2, 2009. The indictment further alleges that he possessed five grams or more of crack cocaine on January 6, 2009.

If convicted, Thomas faces a mandatory minimum penalty of five years and a maximum penalty of 40 years in federal prison. The charges against him are the result of an investigation by the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force and Drug Enforcement Administration. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth Altman.

#### **MAN CHARGED WITH ILLEGAL RE-ENTRY INTO UNITED STATES**

Angel Soriano-Beltran, 22, a citizen of El Salvador found living in Baraboo, Wis., is charged with intentionally re-entering the United States after previously being deported. The indictment alleges that he was found in the United States on December 23, 2008.

If convicted, Soriano-Beltran faces a maximum penalty of two years in federal prison. The charge against him is the result of an investigation conducted by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert A. Anderson.

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